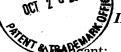
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# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-11, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In response to the Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 27, 2002:

#### First Category:

Applicants elect La for element A'.

#### Second Category:

Applicants elect Pr for element A".

#### **Third Category:**

Applicants elect Fe for element B'.

#### Fourth Category:

Applicants elect Rh for element B".

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